

## [Dr. J. R. Carver]

Interview

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Dr. Carver lives alone in his beautiful white stucco two-room home. It contains three apartments. Dr. Carver had just come from an address given over the radio, he in one of the ministers of Clovis and [Portales?] who given short addresses every day at 9:30 concering some vital topic both in spiritual and national interest.

The subject of this sketch was born near Cleveland Ohio in 1870. He was educated at Franklin Instute Cleveland Ohio. He and his mother came to New Mexico in 1907 and filed on land west of Clovis near Grier.

He circulated a petition to orginise the first Presbyterian Church in Clovis and was the pastor who was called to this church, but he did not serve as the first pastor.

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I am what is called a Missionary in the Presbyterian church. Almost all of the churches in the New Mexico towns were thro'ugh my instrumentality.

The hardships and pleasures were common to the settlers of this country, who came from the eastern states. C18 - N. Mex.

"I do not recall any legend or folk lore of this immediate section of New Mexico. Of course, you are familiar with the

"Saga of Billy the Kid as told by the romantic and heroic writers, in whose writings there seems to be evidence that Billy the Kid was not killed by [Par?]Garrett, but that he lived to be an old man 2 down near Marfia, Texas, and died only a few years ago."

"There are three, reasons why so many people think that he was not killed, one is that his sister came out to see him and then did not go to his grave, but went directly east. That his horse was never seen again, is another reason. Third, is that Pete Maxwell and Pat Garrett were his friends, and that a Mexican was buried instead of Billy the Kid, and that he Billy tho' Kid went down in Texas on the Rio grande."

I should have had another interview with Dr. Carver, but I did not get to fill the appointment.